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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS: POST-MEETING DISCUSSIONS, MARCH 19, 1974
(SALT TWO - 418)

1. SUMMARY. POST-MEETING CONVERSATIONS PRODUCED LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BY MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION, BUT THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF ICBM MIRVS, SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS AND FBS. END SUMMARY.

2. ICBM MIRVS. BROWN EXPRESSED THE HOPE (TO SHCHUKIN A-573) THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION, BUT PARTICULARLY SHCHUKIN, HAD TRANSMITTED THE MAIN POINTS PRESENTED BY THE U.S. TO MOSCOW. ICBM MIRVS ARE WHAT SEEMED TO THE U.S. SIDE TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT AND URGENT MATTER. BROWN SAID THAT ON A PERSONAL BASIS HE HOPED SHCHUKIN COULD MAKE HIS OWN VIEWS KNOWN IN MOSCOW, IN PERSON IF POSSIBLE.

3. SHCHUKIN REPLIED THAT HE HAD MADE HIS VIEWS KNOWN IN WRITING, AND HAD TRANSMITTED WHAT HAD BEEN SAID TO HIM BY MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, NOT WORD FOR WORD BUT HE THOUGHT QUITE ACCURATELY. HE THOUGHT HE HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF NOT BEING PART OF ANY "INTERESTED GROUP" WITHIN THE USSR.

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HE EXPECTED TO BE STAYING IN GENEVA FOR THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO,

THOUGH FOR PERSONAL REASONS HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO BE
ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME IN MOSCOW.

4. SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS. KLOSSON ASKED (GRINEVSKY A-572) WHETHER SEMENOV'S STATEMENT TODAY HAD BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOVIET STANDING INSTRUCTIONS OR WHETHER IT HAD REFLECTED ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW. GRINEVSKY REPLIED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD BEEN GUIDED ONLY BY ITS GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS. KLOSSON ALSO ASKED IF NEW INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO BE ISSUED TO THE SOVIET DELEGATION FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, WHAT TIME PERIOD DID HE ENVISAGE WOULD BE REQUIRED. GRINEVSKY REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT FORESEE THE NECESSITY FOR ANY LONG DELAY. HE SAID IN SALT ONE SEMENOV HAD RETURNED TO MOSCOW ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS WHILE THE SOVIET DELEGATION REMAINED IN PLACE. IF SEMENOV SHOULD GO TO MOSCOW THIS TIME, GRINEVSKY EXPRESSED THE DESIRE TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY HIM.

5. FBS. WITH RESPECT TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN FORCES AND THE LIQUIDATION OF BASES, KLOSSON NOTED (TO GRINVESKY A-572) THAT THE SOVIET INTERPRETER TODAY HAD TRANSLATED THE RUSSIAN PHRASE "PRINTSIPAL'NYI VOPROS" AS "QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE," AND RECALLED THE DIFFERENCE IN ENGLISH BETWEEN "PRINCIPLE" AND "PRINCIPAL." GRINEVSKY SAID THE TRANSLATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN "FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION" RATHER THAN "QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE."

6. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ROWNY (A-571), TRUSOV SAID HE THOUGHT THE SIDES SHOULD DEAL WITH FBS IN SALT RATHER THAN IN MBFR.JOHNSON

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